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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte MARION D. SKEEN

Appeal No. 2003-0319
Application 09/206,663

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (Paper No. 19) was filed March 20, 2003. There is no indication in the record that the IDS was considered according to the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A communication notifying applicant of the primary examiner's decision is required. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 609(c) (Th Ed., Aug. 2001).

Accordingly, it is

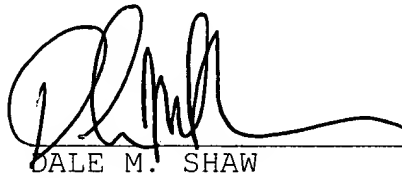
ORDERED that the application is remanded to the examiner for consideration of the IDS (Paper No. 19, dated March 20, 2003),

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appropriate notification to applicant of the action taken, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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